U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JOSEPH HORRY, JR. and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, NAVSEA FECA FIELD OFFICE, Goose Creek, SC

Docket No. 98-819; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 25, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that on June 14, 1995 he sustained a back injury in the performance of duty, as alleged.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated October 7, 1997 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated October 7, 1997 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 25, 1999

> Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member